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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Pan et al.

Serial No.: 09/259,145

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FIELD ISOLATION

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**AMENDMENT IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed with an accompanying Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 19, 2001, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on March 19, 2002. This response is submitted on or before two months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below, in clean form, for clarity.

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